

to said fiber optic cable and another portion of said rotary coupling coupled to said canister, whereby line fouling is avoided during winch operation.

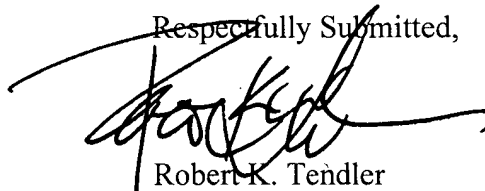
Claim 13. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 10, wherein said fiber optic cable includes one line carrying a high voltage and further including a high voltage slip ring assembly at said winch having one ring thereof coupled to the line carrying said high voltage and another ring fixed to said canister, whereby line fouling is avoided during winch operation.

REMARKS

The Examiner's action of January 8, 2004 is noted in which Claims 1 and 3-9 are allowed and in which Claims 10 and 12-13 are rejected. Applicants have amended Claims 10 and 12-13 to insert the fact that the cables are fiber optic cables. Since Claims 10 and 12-13 have been amended to include the fiber optic cable limitation, Claims 10 and 12-13 are in condition for allowance.

Allowance of the claims and issuance of the case is therefore respectfully solicited. Alternatively, entry of this Amendment for purposes of appeal is requested.

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